

July 23, 2007

Re: Proposed Lost Horse Quarry

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Mr. Chuck Oliver  
Darby District Ranger  
P.O. Box 388  
Darby, MT 59829

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**Ravalli County Commissioners**

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Dear Mr. Oliver:

We reside on Lost Horse Road, and it has come to our attention that the Forest Service is considering a proposal to open a rock quarry near our home. We are writing to voice our opposition to this proposal for several reasons.

First, Lost Horse Road is narrow and poorly maintained by Ravalli County. The additional heavy traffic on the road from quarry activities would cause major damage to the road and be a serious safety threat to the motorists, bicyclists and hikers that daily use the roadway.

Second, the noise and dust generated by quarry activities would adversely affect our quality of life as well as that of the entire neighborhood.

Third, the Lost Horse drainage is a popular and scenic recreational area. The proposed quarry is incompatible with the recreational uses, which include camping, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, bicycling, hunting, horseback riding, and rock climbing.

Please do not destroy this unique recreational treasure. There are numerous alternative sites better suited for a rock quarry in Ravalli County than Lost Horse that will not create adverse impacts on recreation and residential neighborhoods that this proposal will.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Hays* *Jackie Hays*

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